

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208

By Cobb J

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sue and Raymond Walker on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 1957, Sue and Raymond Walker were joined in holy matrimony at the Spring City United Methodist Church, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the Walkers have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Walker is a retired businessman who was affiliated with Farm Bureau Insurance for forty-one years, and he is also a dedicated and conscientious public servant, having represented the good people of Rhea, Cumberland, and Bledsoe Counties with the utmost acumen and probity as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1996 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, while adroitly representing the 25th House District, Mr. Walker served as a member of the House Commerce Committee, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the TennCare Oversight Committee, and the Industrial Impact Subcommittee of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Sue Walker served as a charter member of the Sunset Garden Club from 1964 to 2007, and she is a lifelong member and former District Vice President of the Tennessee Jaycettes, as well as being a lifetime member the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., which she has served for a number of years on the State Board, the Deep South Federation of Garden Clubs, and the National Council of State Garden Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker is also a devout and active member of the Methodist Church, which she has served in various capacities throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, Barry Lynn and Keith Randall, both of whom have excelled in their particular field of endeavor; Barry is married to Bonnie, and Keith is married to Hope; and

WHEREAS, the Walkers are also the proud grandparents of Abigail Grace, who is the daughter of Keith and Hope; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Walkers' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sue and Raymond Walker on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.